

To the Right Honourable, the Lords and Commons  
Assembled in PARLIAMENT:  
The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants in the County  
of LINCOLN.

Sheweth,



Hat as it cannot but make a people miserable to be over-powered with a Potent, Vigilant, and merciless enemie; so can it not but compleate their miseries to have their own Souldiers (for want of good Discipline and order) to make up the burthen Intolerable. As we have been extremely miserable in the one; so were we exceeding unhappy in the other, untill by Gods Providence and the care of the Right Honourable the Earle of Manchester, we have found

redresse by the Government of Colonell Edward King, of whose fidelity, justice and valour (together with his indefatigable labours and zeale for the good of his Country,) we have had such experience, and the dayly care he tooke to protect us (aswell from the violence of our Souldiers, as the out-rage of the Enemie;) that we cannot but with much thankfulness acknowledge it: But now (to our great griefe) he is taken away from his charge, by whose meanes or for what cause we know not.

We therefore desire that this Honourable House will be pleased to accept of our humble addresse for the said Colonell King, that under the Earle of Manchester we may still be governed by him, through whose meanes by Gods assistance we doubt not but to be put again into a condition to serve the King and Parliament in the defence and maintenance of the true Protestant Religion, the Priviledges of Parliament, and the rights and Liberties of our selves and Country, against all opposition. And your Petitioners shall dayly pray, &c.

With many hundred Names of men of  
quality of the said County.

Dic Lunæ 27. Maij. 1644.

Vpon the Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Lincoln, desiring Colonell Edward King to be restored to the Government of the County, under the Earle of Manchester, was this day read, and the Gentlemen that preferred it were called in, and did avow the Petition: And it is this day Ordered by the Commons House of Parliament, That this Petition be referred to the Earle of Manchester, and that the Gentlemen of Lincolnshire that are Members of this House, and Sir Francis Popham do write a letter to the Earle of Manchester, to acquaint him that the said Petition is referred from this House unto his Lordship's consideration.

H. Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.